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FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

Announcements.

NATIONAL—Bell by the Empire
ALBRIGHT—New York Casino Opera Co.
KIRKMAN—Globe Hall's World of Novelties,
Fitter—Hearts of Oak.
WILHELM—Prof. Carpenter.

"They are going to try to legislate against
the encroachments of the Bell telephone
monopoly in New York. On the very next
day following the decision of the Supreme
Court it will be introduced into the legislature
limiting telephone charges to \$2 per
month in cities of \$50,000 or more and to \$4
to cities of over 100,000 and less than
200,000."

A large amount of stone is to be used in
the construction of the new national library
building, and the question arises, why can't
it be cut in Washington, as well as some-
where else? It would give employment to
several hundred men, as well as much local
benefit. We are glad to have a new post-
office building soon, and we hope the stone
for that, as well as every other govern-
ment building to be erected in the future,
will be cut on the ground where it is to be
used.

A very strict election bill was passed by
the Senate of the New York legislature
Tuesday, and is speaking on the need of
such a law Senator Fassett took occasion to
attribute in the following somewhat pointed
and personal manner to the state of things
at the home of Gov. Hill:

"I am compelled to say my
county has been deluded and corrupted, and
the man who is chiefly responsible for it is
the present executive of this state. He has
been a persistent deceiver of the ballot, not
only by his general influence, but also by his
example at the very polls. In fact, this has
never been depicted by anybody familiar with
our local politics. Yet I regret to say that
with our friends, the Republicans, in the
other end of this building ought to know it."

This is respectfully referred to the St.
Louis convention.

GEN. BRAGG, our new minister to Mexico,
made a speech at a banquet given him by
the American residents in the City of Mexico
Tuesday in which he plainly intimated that
the United States would never allow the
reactionary element in Mexico to gain
the ascendancy, but would protect and sus-
tain a liberal government. While this is a
very pretty sentiment, and while the moral
influence of the United States would no
doubt be exercised against a return to a
monarchical form of government in Mexico,
we hardly think President Cleveland and
Secretary Bayard authorized Gen. Bragg to
say what the United States would do or
would not do in case of attempted change
in Mexico. Gen. Bragg had probably been
mixing drinks. He may have been induced
to put a little Mexican pulque in his Ken-
tucky bourbon, which would naturally
prove disastrous.

ME. JUSTIN E. BRADLEY, in the dissenting
opinion delivered in the telephone case
last Monday, said that "as early as 1871
Drawbaugh did produce an instrument em-
ploying the magneto-electric instrumental-
ity, altogether substantially the same as
that which is claimed in Mr. Bell's patent."

More than seventy people swore they heard
articulate speech through the Drawbaugh
telephone, and the majority of the court
admitted that such a cloud of witnesses made
it impossible not to give credence to his
claims for priority. How does the majority
of the court get rid of Drawbaugh? Simply
by saying "Drawbaugh was silent so far as
the general public was concerned, when if
he had really done what these witnesses
now think he did he would certainly have
spoken." It is what might be called retro-
active reasoning. Is the Supreme Court
to decide what Mr. Drawbaugh would have
done, or what he would not have done, but
to decide what he did?

Turn the Rascals Out!

The strongest and strongest comment-
ary on the demand for turning the rascals
out is found in the state administrations.
The Democrats returned to power in the
south upon the cry of dishonesty and waste
in the "scandalous big governments." They
boasted as a national party upon the
precision of honest purposes. The humbuggery
of their profession has been slowly but surely
developing until it has almost become a by-word.
The Democratic officials of Tennessee
and Alabama have furnished examples of
treachery and the true funds are intact.
In states Democratic for a series of years,
as in Indiana and Kentucky, the treasury
is depleted, the true funds are threatened,
and the taxes are increasing.

It is pertinent to inquire whether we
should not return to the old Democratic
shame. But it is no longer Democratic. It
is Republican now, and it is practical.
"Turn the rascals out!"

Is Mr. Gould at It Again?

There are indications that Mr. Jay Gould
is again trying his hand as a railroad
wrecker. He has been great excitement
in Wall street this week over the continued
decline in the stock of the Missouri Pacific.
This had come to be regarded as one of the
best stocks on the list. It sold up as high
as \$10 a year ago and paid 7 per cent. divi-
dends. It has declined to \$5 and the annual
dividend has been passed. There were all
sorts of rumors at St. Louis on Tuesday
concerning reacquisitions for the iron Mountain
and other branches of the Gould sys-
tem. There must be something wrong
with a stock that falls from 25 to 30 per
cent. in a year. Mr. Gould has always pro-
fessed that he bought the Missouri Pacific
for an investment and that he intended to
keep it and improve it. Nearly everybody
had equal to believe in the sincerity of this

profession, notwithstanding the full-scale
wrecking of the Wabash.

Perhaps Mr. Gould intended to keep the
Missouri Pacific and perhaps he did not. He
is not a man to be impelled reflectively in
cases where he has financial interests, as a
great many men have learned to their sorrow.
He has made his vast fortune by
wrecking railroads. We can hardly believe
he intends to throw over the Missouri Pacific,
but we have no doubt he would do it in
a moment if he saw it would serve a purpose,
and his purposes are deep and dark and
indefinite. He is expected in New York to-day,
and if he wants to check the decline in Missouri Pacific he can prob-
ably do it. Anyhow, there is the greatest
anxiety to see what he has to say about the
situation.

A Glomy Hour for Germany.

The news is rather gloomy from the sick
empire. It is declared the official bulletin
does not reveal the gravity of the situation,
and that Frederick may have to leave Berlin
at once and seek a milder climate. It is
doubtful if he will leave his post. He will
probably prefer to die in the discharge of
his duty rather than run any risk of having
a regency. The feeling between him and
Prince William is doubtless more bitter than
it is generally understood to be. In the
dispatch yesterday stating that an ab-
sence had formed in the Crown Prince's
car, it was significantly added that he
would have none but German physicians to
attend him. This is one of striking at
the retention of Sir Morel Mackenzie by the
emperor. Prince William is hounding the
popular feeling against the English physi-
cian, and at the same time he must be deeply
offending his father. Just at this moment
the imperial family of Germany is in any but
a happy or hopeful state.

The sick emperor, as he courageously
faces the encroachments of a disease
that he must fatal, embittered as he is by
the appointment of the Crown Prince, with his hand
just grasping the scepter of the greatest of
European empires, presents one of the most
dramatic and touching pictures in history.

The plans of a wonderful military airship
or balloon are shortly to be laid before the
Secretary of War by Capt. Martini, a Span-
ish engineer. Capt. Martini, who has
Elision with a view of putting into it an
improved electrical apparatus for motive
power. The device has already been adopted by
Italy, France, and other European coun-
tries. It is described as an airship with a
turtle shaped chamber made of rubber coated
canvas stretched over a light but strong
frame. It is absolutely watertight, and is
provided with an air reservoir and supplied
by a bright glass pilot house. On each side
is a great flat wing constructed of gutta percha
sheets. The whole surface of these wings
consists of slats, such as are used in mode-
window blinds. When the wings are raised
the air passes through them, driving the
airship forward. The wings are so light
that there is practically no resistance to the
air, but when the wings sweep downward the
slats are all flat again, so that a complete
surface is formed, offering great resistance.
These wings are to be worked by electric
motor. Inside of the airship will be the
cabin, a small room, a small kitchen, a
bath, with a single stateroom, that will be
able to sleep four persons. The cabin
will be constantly moving onward.
The ship will be constantly moving upward,
at the same time going forward and traversing
an enormous distance, just as birds sink with
motionless wings to the earth in a slanting
direction. Before the car reaches the ground
a movement of the machinery will allow the
wing of the airship to fall to the terra-
 firma, the car will then drop down, and
up again, as a ball drops to a few inches
of the water and by a trifling alteration of the
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GRAND LODGE VISITATION.

Story Telling and Singing at the Custer
Camp Fire.

The camp fire of George A. Custer Camp,
No. 1, Sons of Veterans, at their camp in
Hilton Hall, corner of Seventh and D streets
northwest, last night was well attended and
most enjoyable time passed. Capt. E. R.
Campbell called the meeting to order and
made an address of welcome on behalf of
his command. He then introduced Lieut.
Frank Brownell, who is known as the
avenger of Col. Elsworth, to deliver his ad-
dress on the "Life and Character of Els-
worth." Lieut. Brownell appeared on the
platform wearing the original uniform of
the camp fire, which was well delivered and
was attentively listened to by the audience. At
the close of the address Capt. C. P.
Lincoln, of the G. A. R. Sergt. C. L.
Davidson then entertained the audience with
a reading of a letter written by Capt. E. R.
Campbell. Capt. E. R. Campbell closed with a short
talk on "What the folks at home were doing
while the boys were away in the war," and
also related some of his experiences in se-
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and sailors who fell in the service. His address
was well received and enjoyed. Mr. E. R.
Whipple entertained those present during
the evening with several vocal selections,
and was encored three times. The camp fire
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The morning session closed after address
had been made Mrs. C. H. John, of Kan-
sas City, Mrs. Mary Martin, of New York,
and Mrs. Anna Smith, of Boston, were
the speakers.

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